

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER



A NEW HOME AND A NEW VISION

ANS Acquires 140 William Street as Future Headquarters

The American Numismatic Society will relocate its headquarters, museum, and library to 140 William Street in lower Manhattan's historic, cultural, and financial center.

The acquisition of this beautiful seven story federal style building, originally built as a bank, brings to a successful conclusion a long search for a new home that will

enable the ANS to perform its mission better, improve its service to the public, and provide better access for the numismatic community as a whole. This elegant building and its superb location will present the perfect venue for a state of the art money museum.

The Audubon Terrace site has been home to the ANS since 1907. Along with

the growth of the Society's collections, library, and stature as a research facility, our mission has evolved. The resources of the Society include over 750,000 numismatic objects, dating from the inception of coinage in the seventh century B.C. to the present day, emanating from all corners of the globe. The ANS library, with over 100,000 items is the best of its kind in the world. The ANS has long been known for its active collections and publications programs. The Society is famous for its Graduate Seminar with emphasis on numismatic methodology and its practical application. It is the only program of its kind in the world, bringing 12 students or more, mainly from the U.S., to the ANS each summer for this advanced education. During the past two decades, the ANS has greatly increased its scholarly and public programs, including conferences, lectures, exhibitions, and programs for both school age and adult audiences.

Convenient Location

The new location is over the Fulton Street station, a major convergence point of the New York City subway system. It is close to the financial area and to the World Trade Center. The 37,500 square feet of space afforded by 140 William Street will serve the growing collections and library, improve and expand the educational and academic programs, and establish a new

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department of United States coins and currency.

The permanent museum galleries and revolving exhibits will bring numismatists, collectors, tourists, and people working in the area to the Society to look and learn. The ANS will soon become one of the major attractions in the downtown area.

A Mission and a Vision

The Society's new home, with its excellent location and greatly expanded space, will enable the ANS to realize its ambitious mission, adopted by the Council in 1993 and a precipitating factor in the quest for a new home: "The mission of the American Numismatic Society is to be the preeminent national institution advancing the study and public appreciation of coins, medals, and related objects of all cultures as historical and artistic documents, by maintaining the foremost numismatic collection and library, by supporting scholarly research and publications, and by sponsoring educational and interpretive programs for diverse audiences."

In keeping with this mission, the Society is developing a series of strategic goals for the next five years. Among them is to develop a permanent exhibition that will clearly and energetically inform the public about the role and function of money in our own society and historically. Concurrently, special short-term exhibits on a variety of topics will further illuminate the beauty and lore of numismatics.

Another goal is to strengthen the Society's commitment to public education in numismatics, reaching all age groups and all segments of our audience. At present, the Society schedules at least one major conference or public lecture each month. We anticipate expanding this commitment to include noontime talks, early

Staff and friends visit new home



Mrs. Arthur A. Houghton, Kenneth Edlow, Clifford Mishler, Donald Partrick, and Mrs. Donald Schapiro visit 140 William Street

evening presentations, and other attractive gatherings that will identify the ANS as a cultural magnet in downtown New York.

Newly designed study areas will offer visitors to the library and collections a welcome environment in which to access the Society's great treasures to best advantage. The ANS is committed to facilitating the research use of its collections and library, monitored and aided by our professional staff and knowledgeable volunteers recruited for this purpose.

The new location also permits realization of a longstanding ambition for a numismatically specific museum shop and bookstore. Over time, we believe the ANS, at 140 William Street, will house the definitive collection of numismatic books for sale to collectors and scholars, while also providing an entry point for our public audience to appreciate this fascinating subject.

Other goals will be added as the ANS expands its vision statement in keeping with the new mission. The Society's present home in northern Manhattan has served us well for almost the entire twentieth century. It is a happy coincidence that we may usher in the new millennium with a new home and profoundly expanded mission.

Circulating Counterfeits COAC 98

The Coinage of the Americas Conference on "Circulating Counterfeits of the Americas" had one of the largest turnouts for a conference in recent memory. This topic embraced many areas of student and collector interest as those concerned with the coins of the Confederation period are also concerned about counterfeits and the involvement of Machins' Mills. But this COAC was also able to tap into some of the interest of the bust half collectors, paper money collectors, and bibliophiles.

Morning Presentations

In the morning session, Charles W. Smith gave an overview of counterfeit halfpence, with special attention to the problem of cast counterfeits—when they were made and how many issuers there were. Mike K. Ringo, a longtime researcher of counterfeit halfpence discussed "Attributing Bungtown Halfpence" and cleared up many problems, in particular the variety 2.4-T, which is complex because Barnsley appears to have given four different variety designations to four specimens which are actually from the same dies. John Kleeberg gave some preliminary results from his die study of counterfeit 2 *reales* and suggested that the brass counterfeits, the most common part of the series, may have been made in Waterbury, CT, in the first decade of the nineteenth century. Keith Davignon, well known for his recent book on circulating counterfeit bust half dollars, gave an overview of some of the questions involved, in particular a counterfeit which looks so good that it was even encapsulated by one of the slabbing services and then put up for sale as a new die variety. Brad Karoleff discussed some of the more common counterfeit half dollar varieties. Particularly astonishing for the audience was one die variety which was made from a hub taken from the United States Mint in Philadelphia.

Afternoon Presentations

After a buffet luncheon, attendees heard Michael Sullivan discuss counterfeit

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detectors. He suggested that most were actually failures, because rather than eliminating the counterfeits the detectors taught the counterfeiters how to make better counterfeits. His work was based on pieces in his own collection, plus extensive study of material in the ANS library which he was able to access through librarian Francis D. Campbell. John Lorenzo then gave his opinion on counterfeit 2 reales. He emphasized the importance of metallurgical analysis. Although much attention has been given to metallurgical analysis of ancient coins, the important questions posed by modern circulating counterfeits have been neglected. Richard G. Doty discussed the altered notes of the Southern Bank of Georgia in Bainbridge present in the National Numismatic Collection. Emmett McDonald who has attended every COAC since they began, gave a paper on counterfeit coin detecting devices, with many slides of material from the U.S. Patent Office.

Attendees at the COAC could see some fine exhibits, put together with the help of ANS curatorial assistant Elena Stolyarik. Anthony Terranova put on a dramatic exhibit of US coin scales and counterfeit detecting devices. He also displayed a collection of evasive halfpence, plus some Blacksmith tokens and related pieces, such as Columbia farthings. Mike Ringo put together an impressive exhibit of Bungtown halfpence, including items borrowed specifically for the occasion from the Eric P. Newman collection. The American Numismatic Society exhibited counterfeit Mexican 8 reales from the book by J. L. Riddell, plus some counterfeit half dollars listed in the Riddell book. Other ANS exhibits include counterfeits made in platinum and some unusual counterfeit halfpence. The exhibits will remain on display through January.

After Conference Festivities

Following the COAC program, a reception was held at the Society. Many of the participants and friends then went on to Keen's Chop House for a delicious and stimulating dinner.

First Fowler Memorial Lecture

On September 26, 1998, Frank L. Holt, Associate Professor of History at the University of Houston, delivered the first annual Harry W. Fowler Memorial Lecture on "Every Coin a Mystery: The Quest for Ancient Bactria."

Harry W. Fowler, as many of our readers and members know, was a longtime friend and charismatic leader of the ANS, its President from 1984-90. The coins of ancient Bactria were his major area of interest and he formed a very important collection over the years, bequeathed to the ANS in 1995. His wife Emily Tucker Fowler and his children, Angela and Lucius Fowler, generously endowed a lecture in his memory.

It seemed only fit to have the leading American authority in Bactrian numismatics inaugurate the series. Frank Holt spoke mainly on the coinages of the Diodoti, the first two kings of Bactria,

after this region separated itself from the Seleucid Empire around the middle of the third century B.C. to form an independent kingdom. The chronology of these coins, struck in all three metals, gold silver and bronze, and their precise classification has been much debated. Professor Holt suggested his own new arrangement based on a careful investigation of the symbols and monograms on the coins, as well as of the scant literary sources. Far from being a dry and technical numismatic presentation, the lecture fascinated the audience by putting the coins in their historical context with the help of some modern writers and investigators, like Rudyard Kipling and Conan Doyle. Sherlock Holmes's methods can now safely be applied to die studies thanks to the distinguished speaker!

The event concluded with a reception at the ANS and a dinner at *The Terrace* at Butler Hall of Columbia University. Friends and colleagues gathered to continue a lively discussion and were honored and delighted by the presence of Mrs. Fowler and several family members.



Mrs. Harry W. Fowler with her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Carll Tucker examining choice highlights from the Harry W. Fowler collection

LIBRARY NOTES

Library patrons will be pleased to learn that some 38,000 card catalogue records have been converted to machine readable format by Gaylord Information Systems of Liverpool, NY. The proofing of these records will occupy much of the library staff's time in the coming weeks and, upon the eventual completion of the conversion project, we intend to have the library's catalogue records available on the worldwide web. Owing to a recent upgrade of library hardware and software, the editing of these records and the processing of library data in general will be greatly facilitated. The installation of Windows 95 software has provided Assistant Librarian, Tamara Fultz, with much greater flexibility in switching from one library program to another, such as moving from our Mitinet/Marc cataloguing program to our subject heading list in the Advanced Revelation database.

As in the past, the Graduate Seminar students kept library staff busy during the summer months. Where possible, works needed by students, but not in our collection, were acquired. Also acquired were those volumes of the *Encyclopaedia Iranica* thus far published. This work will prove of particular use to those interested in Islamic numismatics and Islamic studies in general.

Normand Pepin continues his assistance in the library as a loyal volunteer and two new part-time student assistants have recently joined the staff. They are Dahiana Jimenez of Fordham University and Ivette Van Der Linde of Hunter College. We will miss our former assistants, Mayra Castillo and Grizelde Pena, both of Fordham University.

Gifts to the library have included *Report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the Finances*, (Washington, DC, 1850), donated by Michael F. Capen of Blacksburg, VA. Additional gifts of auction sales and periodicals have been received from James Schwartz, New York, NY, Gordon Frost, Forest Hills, NY, and Ralph R. Sonnenschein, Malibu, CA.

Among the publications generously donated by authors, publishers and others are H. al-Ajjabi, *Jama'al-Maskukat al-'Arabiyya bi-lfriqiya* 2 (Tunis, 1996),

received from Adnan Djaroueh; Jean Andreau, et al, eds., *Les échanges dans l'Antiquité: le rôle de l'État* (Barbazon, 1994) and, *Économie antique: Prix et formation des prix dans les économies antiques* (Barbazon, 1997); Lorenzo Bellesia, *Le monete di Federico Landi principe di Val Di Taro* (Lugano, 1997) and *Le monete di Francesco D'Este: Marchese di Massa Lombarda* (Lugano, 1997); Jan C. Besteman, *Vikingen in Noord-Holland? De Zilverchat van Wieringen in het Licht van de Noormanneninvallen* (Haarlem, 1997).

Additional gifts include Lee E. Bishop, Jr. and J. Robert Elliott II, *American Society Medals: An Identification Guide* (Santa Monica, CA, 1998); Bernard Bouyon, *Études de gravure monétaire de l'Italie grecque archaïque à l'Europe du 17e siècle* (Wetteren, 1998); Q. David Bowers, *American Numismatics before the Civil War, 1760-1860: Emphasizing the Story of Augustus B. Sage*, foreword by Dr. Joel J. Orosz (Wolfeboro, NH, 1998).

Christian Charlet and Jean-Louis Charlet, *Les monnaies des princes souverains de Monaco*, preface by S.A.S. Prince Rainier III (Monaco, 1997), has been donated by Richard Margolis; also Georges Depeyrot, *Le numéraire mérovingien: L'âge de l'or*, 2 vols (Wetteren, 1998); Mike Dunigan and J. B. Parker, *Resplendores: Cap and Rays 8 Reales of the Republic of Mexico, 1823-1897* (Beverly Hills, CA, 1997); Jaroslaw Dutkowski, *Ceny monet polskich i z Polska związanych na aukcjach w latach 1960-1998 = Preise polnischer Goldmünzen und Goldmünzen aus mit Polen verbundenen Gebieten auf Auktionen 1960-1998* (Gdansk, 1998), donated by Tomasz Guska; David L. Ganz, *The World of Coins and Coin Collecting* (Chicago, IL, 1998); C. van Hengel, *Penningen Hollands* (Amsterdam, 1998); Gary Kinder, *Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea* (New York, 1998), received from Leslie Elam.

Peter Kos and Andrej Semrov have donated *Zbirka Numizmatičnega Kabineta Narodnega Muzeja = The collection of the Numismatic Cabinet of the National Museum. II. Rimski novci in kontramärke iz 1. stoletja = Roman Imperial Coins and Countermarks of the 1st Century (Augustus-Trajanus)* (Ljubljana, 1995);

Chester L. Krause, and Clifford Mishler, *Standard Catalogue of World Coins, 1801-1900*, 2nd ed. (Iola, WI, 1998); Roger deWardt Lane, "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" *Modern Dime Size Silver Coins of the World with Footnotes to History* (Hollywood, FL, 1997); Jean-Marc Leconte, *Le bréviaire de la numismatique française moderne 1791-1997* (Paris, 1997) and, *Le bréviaire de la numismatique française moderne 1791-1993* (Paris, 1993) donated by Richard Margolis; Agneta Lundström and Helen Clarke, eds., *Excavations at Helgö X: Coins, Iron and Gold* (Stockholm, 1986); Margaret Olsen, and Alison Matthews, *The Platinum & Palladium Buyer's Guide* (Westminster, CO, 1997) and, *The Gold Book: A Guide to Commonly Traded Gold Bullion Coins and Bars* (Westminster, CO, 1992).

Stuart D. Sears has given the library *A Monetary History of Iraq and Iran, ca. CE 500 to 750*, vol. 1., Ph.D. diss., University of Chicago (Chicago, 1997); Richard E. Snow, *The Fly-In Club Attribution Files*, 1998 ed. (Palo Alto, CA, 1998) and Stephen M. Sullivan, *U.S. Error Note Encyclopedia* (Melbourne, FL, 1997), both donated by J. T. Stanton; Dirk Vorlauf and Niklot Klüssendorf, *Die evangelische Pfarrkirche St. Georg in Alten-Buseck, Kreis Giessen* (Wiesbaden, 1998); James Wiles, *The RPM Book*, 2nd ed.: *Lincoln Cents* (Savannah, GA, 1997) and, *The Kennedy Half Dollar: An Attribution and Pricing Guide* (Savannah, GA, 1998), received from J. T. Stanton; E. B. Wilkinson, *Isaac Van Wert in the Revolutionary War* (Van Wert, OH, 1919); Richard S. Yeoman, *1999 Handbook of United States Coins with Premium List*, 56th ed. (Racine, WI, 1998) and, *A Guide Book of United States Coins*, 52nd ed. 1999, ed. Kenneth Bressett (Racine, WI, 1998).

Readers wishing further information concerning the above publications should address inquiries to the Librarian.

Jem Sultan Exhibit

"Turkish Treasures in the ANS" is the title of an exhibit of coins featuring the recent gift of the Jem Sultan Collection by Olivia Lincoln. The exhibit opened at the New York International Numismatic Convention on December 4.

The Jem Sultan Collection was formed by the late William B. Holberton who catalogued it in a luxurious two-volume set using the name of the Ottoman sultan Jem who reigned briefly in 1481. It was purchased by the Lincolns as a core resource for the study of Ottoman history and society and was considerably augmented by them. The total collection numbers 5,601 coins, medals, decorations, and weights including many rare and beautiful examples.

With the Society's original holdings, its Ottoman collection now numbers 10,889 coins and other objects, perhaps the largest in any public collection outside Turkey itself. The exhibit includes coins, banknotes, medals, and decorations drawn from both collections as well as material loaned by ANS members, including Council Member Landon Thomas. One of the six cases is devoted to non-Ottoman coins of Turkish rulers from Algeria to China and another to the coinage of Anatolia before the establishment of the Ottoman empire. Three other cases illustrate the history and geographical extent of the Ottoman empire, and a last case includes rare Ottoman medals and decorations. The exhibit has been organized by Kenneth MacKenzie and Islamic Curator Michael Bates. After the NYINC show closes on December 5, the exhibit will return to the ANS where a special re-opening will take place on December 12. It will remain on exhibit until February 7.

In connection with the exhibit, the Society co-sponsored, with the Oriental Numismatic Society and NYINC, a colloquium at the show in the forum area on the third floor of the Marriott World Trade Center hotel. The symposium took place on Saturday, December 5, from 6:00 to 8:00. The speakers included Kenneth M. MacKenzie on the coinage of Turkey from the fourteenth century, Wayne G. Sayles on eleventh and twelfth century Atabeg

Bullowa Meeting

The fourth annual Bullowa memorial conference featuring Graduate Seminar alumni will held at the museum on Saturday, January 16, 1999, at 3:00 P.M. Three students from the 1998 seminar will be featured: Melanie D. Grunow (University of Michigan) will speak on "*Architectura Numismatica* with Figures," Daniel F. Hobbins (University of Notre Dame) on "The Economics of Coinage Reform in Fourteenth-Century France," and Susan Spinale (Harvard University) on "Messages and the Market: The Portrait Medals of Ottoman Sultan Mehmed II."

This conference continues the earlier tradition of the David M. Bullowa Memorial Conference but now focuses on reports from seminar alumni of the previous summer. The conferences, which are sponsored by Catherine Bullowa-Moore, are designed to expose the work of Seminar students to a broader audience and they provide a special opportunity for seminar alumni to gather. The meeting will be followed by a reception.

coinages, William F. Spengler on the coinage of the eastern Islamic world from the eleventh to thirteenth centuries, and Admiral Sohail Ahmad Khan on the coinage of the Delhi sultans.

ANS at NYINC

The 27th Annual New York International Numismatic Convention took place December 4 through 6 at the One World Trade Center Mezzanine in New York City. The Society had a strong presence at the Convention hosting many activities including a large exhibit of objects from the Jem Sultan collection.

The Society manned an information booth where ANS curators and volunteers answered questions and gave out information about the Society. There was a display of our books and our new CD Rom on Roman Coinage.

Another exciting event took place on Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6,

Annual Arab-Byzantine Forum IV

Arab-Byzantine coinage fans re-assembled at the ANS again on November 14 for a day of talks, discussion, and display of coins relating to the Islamic and Late Roman coinage of the eastern Mediterranean in the seventh and eighth centuries A.D. The Forum was organized this year for the first time by a volunteer, Charles Karukstis.

Seven presentations were given to a total attendance of about 25, from as far as England and Australia. An exhibit of the Arab-Byzantine coins in the Slocum collection was also featured. As in the past, there was plenty of time for free discussions on this occasion, with coffee and doughnuts in the morning, a light luncheon, and more coffee in the afternoon.

between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 P.M. which proved of great interest to our members. The Society hosted wine and cheese receptions at our new location 140 William Street, just four blocks from the World Trade Center. Our members are urged to drop by and preview our new space and help us envision our future.

Our annual cocktail reception for Fellows and Circle Members took place on Friday, December 4 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. This event took place in the Commodities 2000 room.

The New York International Coin Convention is always an exciting time for our members. This year it was even more exciting, with our exhibit of Turkish Treasures and a chance to visit to our future home.

Graduate Seminar June 15 to August 14, 1999

The forty-seventh Graduate Seminar in Numismatics will be held at the Museum of the American Numismatic Society from June 15 through August 14, 1999. The purpose of the Seminar is to familiarize students with numismatic methodology and scholarship and to provide them with a deeper understanding of the contributions made by numismatics to other fields of study.

The Seminar is an intensive program of study including lectures and conferences conducted by specialists in various fields, preparation and oral delivery of a paper on a topic of the student's choice, and actual contact with the coinages related to that topic. Curators of the American Numismatic Society and experts from this country and abroad will participate in the seminar.

Applications are accepted from students of demonstrated competence who will have completed at least one year of graduate work in classical studies, history, economic history, or related disciplines. Applications are also accepted from junior faculty members with an advanced degree in one of these fields.

Stipends of \$2,000 are available to qualified applicants who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States and Canada. The Society will endeavor to provide round-trip travel fare from each student's home institution.

Applications are also accepted from outstanding students from foreign institutions, who have completed the equivalent of one year's graduate work, and who are able to demonstrate fluency in English. No financial aid is offered.

Information and application forms may be obtained from the Society located at Broadway at 155th Street, New York, NY 10032, or from its website, <http://www.amnumsoc2.org>. Applications must be completed by March 1, 1999, and announcement of the awards will be made by April 1.

FIDEM Congress at the Hague

The ANS and the United States as a whole were well represented at the twenty-sixth biennial congress of the Fédération Internationale de la Médaille (FIDEM) held in the Hague, Netherlands, from October 20 through 24. With 28 delegates under the leadership of ANS Curator of Medals Alan Stahl, the U.S. delegation was the largest there except for the host Dutch contingent.

On Tuesday, October 20, before the formal opening of the Congress, Stahl participated in the meeting of the Comité Exécutif of the international body on which he has served for the past decade. He also represented the United States in the Delegates Meeting later that day. In the evening he, along with vice-delegate and ANS Fellow Cory Gilliland, hosted the reception given by the U.S. delegation for the heads of the 30 other national delegations and the conference organizers. The reception, held in the Het Paleis museum, was supported by a generous donation from the United States Information Service. A highlight of the evening was the presentation to the guests of the medal commissioned specially for the occasion from sculptor Jeanne Stevens-Sollman.

The Congress itself opened in the historical Rittersaal of the Binnenhof Royal Palace, site of most Dutch state observations since the Middle Ages. At the opening session, Stephen K. Scher, ANS Councillor, gave the keynote address on "The Renaissance Portrait Medal in Its Art Historical Context." An exciting surprise

for the U.S. delegation was the announcement that Stevens-Sollman had won the second most important award given for the exhibition, that of the Dutch Medal Society for the best combination of word and image in a medallic work. This was only the second time in the history of FIDEM that an American artist has won an award for work in the biennial exhibition. The exhibit itself opened that evening at the new sculpture museum, Beelden aan Zee, in the Hague's seafront section of Scheveningen. It will remain on view through the middle of December. A special retrospective theme to the exhibit featured medals from the entire second half of the current century, many on loan from the ANS Collection.

The next three days included formal lectures on the history of the medal, personal accounts by artists on the nature of their own work, and informal workshops and classes on the art and technique of medallic sculpture. Among the American participants were ANS Fellow Ira Rezak, who gave a fascinating talk on "Inventing a Nation: Jewish Medals of Palestine before the State of Israel (1898-1948)," and the artist James MaloneBeach who entertained a large audience with his account of "How I Have Been Influenced by Historical Ribbons and Decorations," which included slides taken from orders and insignia in the ANS Collection. During the Congress, members of the ANS Saltus Committee invited those Saltus laureates present to join them for a meeting to consider future candidates for the Saltus Award.

At the closing General Assembly, the German delegation invited those in attendance to the next Congress, to be held in 2000 in Weimar, Germany, and plans were already announced for 2002 in Prague. At the closing banquet, Alan Stahl issued an invitation to those present to come to the ANS on February 13 for the award of the J. Sanford Saltus Medal to Jeanne Stevens-Sollman, who was by then well known to all at the Congress. A related story appears on the next page.

Members of the USA Delegation to FIDEM at its opening reception. From left to right: James MaloneBeach, Jeanne Stevens-Sollman, George Cuhaj, Philippus Sollman, Beverly Mazze, and Irving Mazze



Stevens-Sollman Selected to Receive Saltus Award

On Saturday, February 13, at 3 P.M. Jeanne Stevens-Sollman will receive the J. Sanford Saltus Award for Signal Achievement in the Art of the Medal at the Society's headquarters on Audubon Terrace. Stevens-Sollman will be recognized for her innovative and personal medals, many of which relate to aspects of her life in rural central Pennsylvania but

reflect a sophisticated understanding of historical and contemporary developments in medallic art. The award will be accompanied by a retrospective exhibition of her work. At the same meeting, an as-yet undesignated scholar will deliver the annual Stephen K. Scher Lecture on the Art and History of the Medal.



Members of the Saltus Committee met with foreign award recipients at the FIDEM Congress. From left to right: Cory Gilliland, Ewa Olszewska-Borys of Poland, Alan Stahl, Nicola Moss of England, Kauko Rasanen of Finland, Helder Batista of Portugal, Ira Rezak, Jin Harcuba of the Czech Republic, and Beverly Mazze

Philip Grierson to be Honored at Dumbarton Oaks Colloquium: Three ANS Curators to Participate in March 1999

Dumbarton Oaks, the Washington, DC, center for Byzantine Studies, will honor the completion of its massive *Catalogue of the Dumbarton Oaks and Whittemore Coin Collections*, a standard reference work for Byzantine numismatics, and the retirement of its Advisor for Byzantine Numismatics, Philip Grierson, a Corresponding Member of the ANS since 1957, with a colloquium on "Byzantium in the Medieval World: Monetary Transactions and Exchange."

This year the two final volumes of the series *DOC* volume 4 (1081-1261) by Michael F. Hendy and volume 5 (1261-1453) by Grierson will appear. The first Dumbarton Oaks catalogue was compiled by A. R. Bellinger in 1966, and it covered the coinage from Anastasius I through the reign of Maurice. Philip Grierson's two-part second volume, issued in 1968, cov-

ered the emperors from Phocas to Theodosius III, and his volume 3, also in two parts, covered the period from Leo III through Nicephorus III.

The Colloquium will take place at Dumbarton Oaks on March 26-27, 1999. Three ANS curators will be among the nine speakers. William E. Metcalf will discuss "Byzantine Numismatics Then and Now." Michael L. Bates will address "Looking at Byzantine and Early Arab Coinage Together—or Separately?" Alan M. Stahl will examine "Venice and the Coinage of the Latin Empire."

The remaining speakers include honoree Philip Grierson, Marian McCormick, Anthony Cutler, Lucia Travaini, A. Laiou, and Cécile Morrisson. Morrisson will replace Grierson as Advisor for Byzantine Numismatics at the Center.

Frances M. Schwartz Fellowship

The Frances M. Schwartz Fellowship was created in 1985 to support work and the study of numismatic and museum methodology at the American Numismatic Society. Applicants must have the B.A. or the equivalent; the stipend will vary with the term of tenure (normally the academic year) but will not exceed \$2,000. The deadline for application is March 1.

Additional information and application forms are available from the American Numismatic Society located at Broadway at 155th Street, New York, NY 10032, or from its website, <http://www.amnumsoc2.org>. Applications must be completed by March 1, 1999, and announcement of awards will be made by April 1.

THE DONALD GROVES FUND

Through the Donald Groves Fund the American Numismatic Society seeks to promote publication in the field of early American numismatics involving material dating no later than 1800. Funding is available for travel and other expenses in association with research as well as for publication costs.

Applications should be addressed to the Secretary of the Society and should include an outline of the proposed research, the method of accomplishing the research, the funding requested, and the specific uses to which funding will be put. Applications are reviewed periodically by the Donald Groves Fund Committee.

Information and application forms may be obtained from the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 155th Street, New York, NY 10032, or from its website at <http://www.amnumsoc2.org>.

Bates Speaks to Flushing Coin Club

On October 9 the Flushing Coin Club of Queens, NY, hosted ANS Curator of Islamic Coins Michael Bates, who spoke on "The Origins of Islamic Coinage." About 40 club members heard the presentation as part of the club's regular meeting, chaired by its president, James Dombo. The meeting took place in the educational center of the Queens Botanic Gardens.

Bates described the Arab continuation of earlier imperial coinages at Alexandria in Egypt and at many mints in the former Sasanian Persian empire, contrasting these with the Muslim capital, Damascus in Syria, where there was no previous coinage. The caliph 'Abd al-Malik set up a mint there in 692, which at first issued gold, silver, and copper coins like the coins of the Roman and Persian empires that the Arabs were already using without special notice. The institution of the new mint with new coin issues still bearing old imperial images and religious symbols, however, must have drawn attention, and brought out the need for a distinctively Arab Muslim coinage.

The first attempt to create a new Arab coinage was the standing caliph phase, depicting the caliph himself. This series, which was also issued in gold, silver, and copper at Damascus (and copper else-

where), can be assigned to the years 694-97. During this period some atypical issues also carried Muslim religious symbols like the *mihrab* or believers praying. This series, too, must have drawn the attention of Muslim religious thinkers, who would have asked why the caliph, the head of the community, was pictured on the coins like the old-time emperors, and what religious symbols could represent Islam better than the Word of God itself from the Qur'an.

The result was a wholly new coin design for the new religious community. The new coinage had no imperial or religious images and named no ruler. It had only Arabic inscriptions drawn from the Qur'an proclaiming the one unique undivided God with Muammad as His Messenger. The concept and design typified Islamic coinage for centuries to come.

Bates's presentation continued the recent tradition of close relations between the ANS and the Flushing club. He was preceded on other occasions by ANS curators Metcalf and Stahl and former ANS photographer Frank Deak. Last year the club visited the ANS for a tour of our exhibits and facilities. The Society welcomes opportunities for co-operation with coin clubs. Meeting organizers should contact the appropriate curator for presentations or Ute Wartenberg for visits and seminars at the ANS.

ROMAN STUDIES FELLOWSHIP

Through the gift of a generous benefactor, the American Numismatic Society is able to offer a fellowship of up to \$5,000 to promote the use of its collections and library in connection with studies of the Roman world. The fellowship is intended to support extended residence in New York and work in the Society's cabinet and library, and to permit consultation with relevant staff in support of a substantive research project.

Applicants must be American citizens or affiliated with a North American institution of higher learning, and must demonstrate academic competence and submit a detailed proposal for their work. There is no minimum age or degree requirement, but it is expected that the work proposed will lead to publication and teaching. The work undertaken may or may not be in pursuit of a higher degree, but preference will be given to those seeking advanced degrees.

Application forms may be obtained from the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 155th Street, New York, NY 10032, or from its website, <http://www.amnumsoc2.org>. Applications must be completed by March 1, 1999, and announcement of awards will be made by April 1.

Hamad Fellow Selected for 1998-99

The 1998-99 Shaykh Hamad Bin Abdullah Al-Thani Fellowship in Islamic Numismatics has been awarded to Roxani Margariti, a graduate student at Princeton University, renewing her appointment from the previous year.

During her first tenure, Margariti cleared up the department's backlog of accession processing and carried out the preliminary organization and inventory of the Slocum collection donated by John J. Slocum, Jr., in late 1997. This year, she will finish the detailed computer cataloguing of that collection of 1,311 objects, including computer registration, weighing, and arrangement in individually labelled

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International News

At the onset of winter, much of the numismatic world looks toward the United States, specifically to the New York International Numismatic Convention, which this year will be held at the Marriott World Trade Center, Dec. 4-6, and to the major auctions conducted at the same time. This year is no exception. A number of other events will precede and follow the NYINC.

Asia

Nov. 18-19, Noble Numismatics' sale in Sydney, followed on Nov. 21-22 by the Coin, Medal and Banknote Fair of the Numismatic Association of Australia.

Nov. 21, a general sale conducted by Spink & Son in Hong Kong.

Europe

Nov. 19-20, Giessener Muenz-handlung's auction in Munich.

Nov. 23-24, Numismatik Lanz conducts a group of auctions, also in Munich. The first will dispose of the collection of Roman Republican coins assembled by Leo Benz, perhaps the most important of its kind offered in Germany in the post-War period. The second, ranging from medieval to modern, includes an extensive Kreuzer collection, double talers and other pieces from the Holy Roman Empire, a Salburg series, and coins of German cities and the German empire as well as of

medieval Serbia.

Nov. 26-27, yet a third Munich event, the Gerhard Hirsch Nachfolger auction of ancient and modern coins, including a lovely issue of Sweden's Karl XI commemorating a victory over Denmark.

Dec. 10-12, Kurpfalzische Muenz-handlung will conduct a general sale in Mannheim.

Dec. 12, Jean Elsen's last Brussels auction of the year.

Jan. 22-24, the Basel Coin Convention.

Feb. 5, Italo Vecchi's next sale, in London.

Feb. 23, Muenzen und Medaillen will offer gold coins and medals from Baden-Wuerttemberg in Stuttgart.

Feb. 24-27, another Munich auction from Gerhard Hirsch Nachfolger.

NYINC

Of course, a number of European firms are taking advantage of the New York Convention to join with American firms in joint auctions.

Dec. 1-2, Classical Numismatic Group, Numismatica Ars Classica, and Freeman & Sear's Triton II sale (public and mail bid) at the Marriott World Trade Center. Offerings include the Greek collection of Orme Lewis Sr., now held by the Phoenix Art Museum, important Bactrian pieces assembled by K. D. Walkhoff-Jordan, and the John Jordan collection of British coinage. Among individual highlights are a superb Naxos tetradrachm, a dekadrachm of Akragas, seven Syracusan dekadrachms, a unique gold stater from Abdera, and Roman rarities.

Dec. 3, Italo Vecchi, A. H. Baldwin and Sons and Muenzen und Medaillen will join forces at the Marriott World Trade Center to offer notable pieces, reportedly including remarkable tetra-drachms of Catane, Himera, the Thracian King Mostis, Alexander I of Macedon, Cyzicus, Tenedus, Lebedus and Rhodes, a fine 100-litrae Syracusan issue, and a number of beautiful and rare Roman and Byzantine coins.

The Euro

The Internet version of the summer *ANSNewsletter* (but not the print edition) reported that the new common currency, the Euro, will affect commemorative

coinage of the 11 member states of the European Union beginning on Jan. 1, 1999. The European Commission consulted professional numismatists in July. While there is agreement that Euro collector commemorative coins are welcomed and EU Member States will retain competence for issuance within volume limits set by the new European Central Bank, two key questions apparently remain. As formulated by the Commission to European dealers, these are "Do you consider that a limited legal tender status for collector coins would be a solution which would not damage the collector coin business?" And "Do you consider that harmonization of the denominations and technical specifications of collector coins issued by the Euro-area Member States would be desirable or would that negatively affect the collector coin business, which relies on diversity and variety?" Reportedly, many mint directors initially favored national freedom of decision on most aspects of such coins while affording them legal tender status only within national borders. German coin dealers, we understand, have encouraged Commission efforts to develop a new consensus. They want Euro commemoratives to have EU-wide validity and national authorities to control designs while accepting volume limits and harmonization of specifications. Austria, France, and others are said to have entered the consultations desiring, for marketing purposes, to produce larger numbers of "pseudo-coins" with restricted legal tender status. Decisions are in abeyance while the new German government works out its positions on numismatic issues.

Contributions Welcome

The author of this column continues to solicit contributions of announcements and news, including news of international members, from the readership.

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Hamad Fellow continued

boxes. She presented a brief report on the collection at the Arab-Byzantine Forum IV on November 14 and to help organize a small exhibition of some of the Slocum rarities.

The Fellowship is made possible every year by a generous donation to the Society's Islamic Department from Shaykh Hamad Al-Thani of Qatar, a Life Associate of the ANS. The Hamad Fellowship is intended to combine service to the Society with training in Islamic numismatics and museum practice. Ms. Margariti, who commutes here from Princeton, expects to be at the Society every Friday until May 1999. The Fellowship provides a stipend of \$3000.

Long-Term Members to Receive Lapel Pins

Senior ANS members will be receiving distinctive lapel pins to celebrate significant milestones in their Society membership. The ANS appreciates the many members who continue their support of this organization year after year. These special pins, marking 25, 30, 40, and 50 years of continuous membership, will be mailed to the honorees as a 1999 New Year's gift.

Fifty Years

Mr. Tim J. Browder, Gold Hill, OR.

Forty Years

Prof. Henry C. Boren, Chapel Hill, NC; Mr. Bruce R. Brace, Ancaster, Canada; Mr. J. Eric Engstrom, Wichita, KS; Dr. George P. Galavaris, Athens, Greece; Mr. L. R. Davis McKinney Jr., Dallas, TX; Mr. John Perdios, Athens, Greece; and Mr. Joseph Paul Scheetz, Pittsburgh, PA.

Thirty Years

Mr. Stephen Album, Santa Rosa, CA; Mr. James R. Briggs, Redlands, CA; Ms. Anne

S. Davidson, New York, NY; Mr. Arthur Roy Doumaux Jr., Charleston, WV; Mr. Warren K. Fischer, Jackson Heights, NY; Mr. Dennis Gill, Garden City, NY; Dr. Paul Jones Gill, Springfield, MO; Mrs. Cora Lee C. Gilliland, St. Augustine, FL; Mr. Lawrence S. Goldberg, Pacific Palisades, CA; Mr. David Goodman, Gingins, Switzerland; Dr. Richard Craig Kammerer, Basking Ridge, NJ; Prof. Fred S. Kleiner, Woodbridge, CT; Dr. Robert Allen LaRocca, Riverdale, NY; Mr. Leo Lieberman, Jackson Heights, NY; Mr. Donald J. Orth, Falls Church, VA; Mr. Donald G. Partrick, Islandia, NY; Mr. Julius Reiver, Wilmington, DE; Mrs. Franziska E. Shlosser, Pierrefonds, Quebec, Canada; Mr. Harvey Stack, New York, NY; Prof. Chester G. Starr, Ann Arbor, MI; Prof. Leandre Villaronga, Barcelona, Spain; Mr. Richard B. Witschonke, Palo Alto, CA; Mr. John D. Wright, St. Joseph, MI; and Mr. Michael R. Zagorin, Olympia, WA.

Twenty-Five Years

Prof. Roger S. Bagnall, New York, NY; Dr. Michael L. Bates, Edgewater, NJ; Mr. Harlan J. Berk, Chicago, IL; Mr. Yannis S. Costopoulos, Athens, Greece; Mr. Robert E. Darley-Doran, Winchester, Great Britain; Mr. Frank E. Dougher, Pelham, NY; Dr. Thomas Drew-Bear, Lyon, France; Mr. Youssef Gaafar, Cairo, Egypt; Dr. Istvan Gedai, Budapest, Hungary; Dr. Murray Gell-Mann, Santa Fe, NM; Dr. Jean-Baptiste Giard, Paris, France; Mr. Reed Hawn, Austin, TX; Mr. Steven S. Hoth, Burlington, IA; Dr. John P. C. Kent, London, Great Britain; Dr. Ryszard Kiersnowski, Warsaw, Poland; Mr. Roger deWardt Lane, Hollywood, FL; Dr. Benito J. Legarda Jr., San Juan, Metro Manila, Philippines; Mr. James A. Lock, Parma, OH; Mr. Raymond N. Merena, Wolfboro, NH; Dr. Bucur Mitrea, Bucharest, Romania; Col. William Bain Murray, San Antonio, TX; Mr. Andreas G. Pitsillides, Nicosia, Cyprus; Dr. Dimitris G. Portolos, Athens, Greece; Mr. Steven R. Schor, Lighthouse Point, FL; Mr. Bernhard Schulte, Basel, Switzerland; Mr. Klaus K. Selinheimo, Helsinki, Finland; and Dr. Attilio Stazio, Naples, Italy.

A VISIT TO THE MIDDLE WEST

ANS Executive Director Leslie A. Elam stopped off in Iola, WI, while on vacation in September. In Iola he visited with Krause Publications President Clifford Mishler, on the left. Mishler joined the Society's Council last year and assisted the Society in the publication of the recent memorial volume, *Harry W. Bass, Jr., Memories of His Life*. Elam also visited with Krause employee George Cuhaj, on the right. Cuhaj was employed at the Society during the beginning of the transition to computerization in the 1980s. Behind the group is Cuhaj's prized Checker Marathon.



New Members Welcomed

At its meeting on October 24, the Society's Council elected 33 Associates, either as new or reinstated members of the ANS. Newly elected Associates are:

Mr. Bruce H. Axler, New York, NY
Mr. Kevin E. Barry, Brick, NJ
Mr. Alan Belkin, Livingston, NJ
Mr. Donald W. Charters, Wayne, MI
Mr. James P. Chew, Jeannette, PA
Mr. Donald H. Dool, Crystal Lake, IL
Mr. Ed Dotts Jr., West Columbia, SC
Mr. Ronald R. Drzewucki Jr., St. Louis, MO
Mr. Charles D. Everett, Norwood, MA
Mr. John Fariss, South Boston, VA
Mr. Chris Hoeltzle, Laguna Niguel, CA
Mr. R. Khondaker G. A. Islam, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Mr. Robert Kevorkian, Simsbury, CT
Mr. Nicholas V. Kuzmin, Bronx, NY
Mr. Stephen J. Lloyd, New York, NY
Mr. J. P. Martin, Colorado Springs, CO
Mr. James F. Martin, Gresham, OR
Ms. Jane McAdam-Freud, London, England

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Mr. William Nogosek, Brooklyn, NY
 Mr. Evgeni I. Paunov, Sofia, Bulgaria
 Mr. Mark A. Regan, Reston, VA
 Mr. W. Noah Reynolds, Raleigh, NC
 Mr. William Rudman, Belmont, MA
 Dr. Gene Sherman, Palos Verdes Estates, CA
 Mr. David W. Showers, Davis, CA
 Mr. Christopher Smith, Didcot, England
 Mr. Erich Waeckerlin, Otterbrunn, Germany
 Mr. Lance L. Ward Sr., Fort Worth, TX
 Mr. Mark Webb, Vannuys, CA
 Mr. Roy West, Philadelphia, PA

Reinstatements

Three members were welcomed back as ANS Associates: Mr. Lucien L. Birkler, Arlington, VA; Rev. Robert Constantine Newman, Lexington, MA; and Mr. W. David Perkins, Littleton, CO

New Life Members

The Society continues to promote the opportunity for members to convert to Life Membership by the one-time payment of \$1,000. Life Associates and Life Fellows are excused from annual dues and are insured against any increase in member dues. At its October meeting, the Council recorded the following conversions to ANS Life Membership:

Dorothy Budd Bartle, Caldwell, NJ
 (Assoc. 1983, Fellow 1991)
 Ronald R. Drzewucki, St. Louis, MO
 (Assoc. 1998)
 Alexander B. Simonetta, Temple, TX
 (Assoc. 1989)
 Mark Webb, Vannuys, CA (Assoc. 1998)

Associate membership in the ANS is open to all with an interest in numismatics. Members receive benefits including our annual journal, *American Journal of Numismatics*, and are informed about forthcoming events and opportunities through the quarterly *ANS Newsletter* and special mailings. Members also have the opportunity to receive three issues a year of the *Colonial Newsletter*, a journal devoted to the numismatic history of the United States in the pre-Federal period, which was donated to the ANS by the CNL Foundation in 1997.

Members are eligible to receive a unique benefit during 1999. By joining an ANS Circle in 1999 (Bronze, Silver,

Alumni in the News

Robert A. Hadley (1962) died May 12, 1998 at the age of 61. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1964, and taught history of the ancient Near East, Greece, and Rome at George Washington University. An obituary by Eugene N. Borza appears in the September 1998 issue of the *Association of Ancient Historians Newsletter*.

Roberta Stewart (1991) has had her book *Public Office in Early Rome: Ritual Procedure and Political Practice* published by the University of Michigan Press.

Patricia (Langer) Dintrone (1979) is Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Ancient Historians.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewals are going out at the end of December and we hope that our members will renew early in 1999. We encourage all our members to urge their coin collecting friends to consider membership in the Society. Our newsletter, our special events, and our lectures make membership worthwhile. The opportunity to have a publication subscription is invaluable to serious collectors and students of numismatics. Members also have the opportunity to receive a free subscription to the *Colonial Newsletter*, a journal devoted to the numismatic history of the United States during the pre-federal period.

In 1999 all members joining a circle will receive a fine umbrella carrying the ANS logo. All members joining the silver, electrum and gold circles will be invited to a special lecture given by a renowned numismatist in mid-town Manhattan.

The Society is planning for many new activities in our new home. There will be a gift shop, a book store, lunch time lectures, and new exhibits. We will be sponsoring educational days in cities across the United States. We look forward to a growth in membership as we move to toward the new millennium.

Electrum, or Gold) ANS members will receive a distinctive ANS Umbrella, decorated with the Society's logo, a gift sure to brighten up a rainy day!

Robert H. Schonwaller

Long-time member Robert H. Schonwaller died September 5, 1998. He was born around 1913. His family's business, I. Schonwaller & Co. of Elizabeth, NJ, traded internationally in fats and oils and manufactured soap. During World War II he served in the Navy in the Pacific and rejoined the family business on his return.

Schonwaller once observed to another collector of ancients, "We all started with U.S. coins." That particular collector raised a quizzical eyebrow, for he had collected Roman Republican denarii from his earliest youth. Schonwaller collected half cents. When we first met in 1990, he said, "I bet you don't even know that there were half cents!" I was fully confident that no coin of that denomination ever existed, but he seemed a pleasant enough old duffer, so I kept my mouth shut and did not contradict him. I then went into the vault, looked in the U.S. cabinet, and was surprised to find a whole tray of half cents. As I progressed in my numismatic career, Schonwaller took great pride in this story, and would often say, "When I first met John, he did not even know what a half cent was!" This was quite true.

Schonwaller often showed the extraordinary half cents he had been able to acquire in the 1950s from dealers of the time such as Charles "Suitcase" Foster. He assisted with Breen's attempts in the 1950s to recatalogue the half cents, but lost contact with Breen in the 1960s.

Most of us knew Schonwaller chiefly as a collector of ancients, especially Greek coins. He took particular pride in displaying his overstruck coin which enabled Ulla Westermark to sort out the chronology of the coins of Sicily and Magna Graecia. He could be very sly. One night at the Bronx Coin Club he displayed a Greek coin, and said, "Margaret Thompson attributed it to [some Greek island]. I must show it to Carmen Arnold-Biucchi, and not tell her what Margaret said, and see if she will say the same."

He also collected coins with a Judaic connection including Judaea Capta sestertii collected by die variety. His collection included Frankfurt "Judenpfennigs" and Tierra del Fuego private gold coins issued by Julius Popper, a Jewish engineer. Schonwaller was a true polymath.

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Schonwalter was a member of numerous numismatic organizations including the American Numismatic Association which he joined in January 1950 becoming member 18054. His interest at that time was given as "U.S. Coins." His proposers were Charles Wormser and David Bullowa, the two principals of the New Netherlands coin firm.

In November 1952 he inquired about membership in the American Numismatic Society and became a member in January 1953. He gave his interests as ancient coins, U.S. half cents, tokens, and medals, but he was always eclectic and in June of that year he bought a copy of *Early Chinese Coinage* by Wang Yu-chu'an. In 1976 he was elected a fellow of the ANS and the letter written to him by the secretary of the Society, although partly a formal announcement, betrays great warmth and friendship. His coin donations to the Society reflect his eclectic interests—Islamic, Byzantine, Roman, Greek, and U.S.—and some of his outstanding donations included half cents of 1793 and 1856. Well into his eighties Schonwalter would walk across the George Washington Bridge every Saturday morning from his home in Fort Lee to use the library of the Society.

Schonwalter applied to join the New York Numismatic Club in February 1969 and was elected in April. His proposers were Joseph Sternberg, a collector of ancient coins and president of the New Jersey Numismatic Society who lived in Newark, and Willard C. Blaisdell, the owner of Blutworth Marine, who put together a very fine collection of large cents. Schonwalter served for many years as the chairman of the membership committee of the New York Numismatic Club. His memberships included the Northern Valley Coin Club, the New Jersey Numismatic Society, the Ancient Coin Society of New York, Early American Coppers, Inc., the Westchester Israel Numismatic Society (WINS), and the American-Israel Numismatic Association (AINA).

The organization in which he rose to highest rank was the Bronx Coin Club, whose francophone members called him "Gualtier le Beau, Président à Vie." Schonwalter objected to this title because presidents for life usually come to a sticky

George Wyper Elected to Council

George U. Wyper, President of Wyper Capital Management, L.P., and formerly Senior Managing Director of Warburg Pincus Counsellors, Inc., was elected a member of the Society's governing Council at its meeting on October 24. Mr. Wyper will complete the unexpired term (Class of 2000) occasioned by the death of Allen F. Lovejoy in 1997. Mr. Wyper, who joined the Society earlier this year, was elected a Fellow at the October 24 meeting.

end, but just as the minister of defense is often the strong man in a Latin American government, Schonwalter was the strong man of the Bronx Coin Club. He had coins on every imaginable topic: one highlight was the month when the topic was the letter D, and he brought his dekadrachm.

Schonwalter knew a great deal about coinage but published rarely when he had something which only he could contribute. His articles include: "Numismatic Evidence from the Dead Sea" in the March 1958 *Numismatist*; "Some Jewish Community Tokens" in the *Shekel*, December 1976; and "The Plain over Reeded Edge Half Cent," in *Penny-Whimsy*, November 1985. All three articles are tightly argued, often making use of literature in several languages. In the first article he corrected a misattribution of the coins of Bar Kokhba; in the second he published hitherto unknown tokens from his own collection. In the third he took issue with Richard Picker and Walter Breen on the origin of edge reeding on the proof half cents of 1840 and 1841. Schonwalter's explanation was simple and convincing. Early in 1840, the Mint reduced the diameter of the half eagle from 22.5 mm to 21.6 mm. This left the Mint with a 22.5 mm collar for which it had no use. When the time came to mint the half cents that year, the Mint needed a 23 mm collar. The excess 22.5 mm reeded edge half eagle collar was reamed to 23 mm for the half cents. This left the collar with a faint trace of the half eagle reeding.

John M. Kleeborg

Houghton Presides Over ANS Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the ANS was held on October 24, 1998, at Society headquarters in New York. ANS President Arthur A. Houghton presided over the gathering that featured the election of five Councillors and illustrated talks by members of the Library and Curatorial Departments.

Councillors Elected

Kenneth L. Edlow, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, placed the names of five incumbent Councillors in nomination and they were duly elected to three-year terms ending October 2001. Those elected are:

Prof. Jere Bacharach, Professor of History, University of Washington, Seattle and Director of the Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington. Prof. Bacharach serves on the Society's Standing Committees on Islamic Coins and on Technology and Technical Applications.

Prof. Roger A. Hornsby, Professor and Past Chairman of the Department of Classics (Ret.), Iowa State University, Iowa City, Iowa. Prof. Hornsby is Second Vice-President of the ANS, a member of the Executive Committee of the Council and ANS Delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies. In addition, he serves as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Roman and Byzantine Coins and of the Acquisitions Committee, and as a member of the Publications Committee and the Huntington Award Committee, of which he is past Chairman.

Prof. John H. Kroll, Professor of Classics, University of Texas, Austin. Prof. Kroll is currently Chairman of the Publications Committee and of the Society's Long Range Planning Committee. He is also a member of the Committee on Operations and Management of the ANS.

Prof. Thomas R. Martin, the Jeremiah O'Connor Professor in Classics, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts. Prof. Martin serves as Chairman of the ANS Committee on Technology and Technical Applications and as a member of the Committee on Governance, the Personnel Committee,

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and the Standing Committee on Education.

Dr. Stephen K. Scher, President, Scher Chemicals, Clifton, New Jersey and former Professor of History of Art, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. Dr. Scher is Chairman of the Standing Committee on Medieval and Modern Coins and a member of the Medals and Decorations Committee and of both the Saltus and Huntington Award Committees, as well as the Committee on Operations and Management.

George Wyper Elected Fellow

George U. Wyper, President of Wyper Capital Management, L.P., was elected a Fellow of the Society at the October 24 Council Meeting and subsequently was elected a member of the Council filling an unexpired term.

Announcements

Mr. Houghton informed the gathering of his intention to retire as President of the ANS at the completion of his fifth term in October 1999. He took note of the events that had transpired in the four years since

he acceded to the office in October 1994, principally to see the responsibilities of the governing Council and the administration of the Society more clearly defined and to bring to a successful conclusion the Society's quest for a new and more suitable headquarters. In his opinion, the principal role of the President for the next several years will be to provide the leadership for the fund raising and the many decisions necessary to complete the move of the ANS to 140 William Street.

Mr. Houghton assured the audience that his support of the Society is undiminished; his personal dedication to the organization, its goals, its move to 140 William Street, and its financial health remain as strong as it has ever been; and he looks forward to remaining an active and contributing member of the Council and helping shape an effective strategy for the move and its financing.

Elam 35 Years at ANS

ANS Executive Director Leslie A. Elam was honored at the meeting on his thirty-fifth anniversary as an ANS employee. He began his career as an

Editorial Assistant in mid-1963, was appointed Director in 1972 and to the newly created position of Executive Director in 1997. In separate tributes, President Houghton, Vice-President Donald G. Partrick, and Chief Curator William E. Metcalf remarked on Elam's tenure at the ANS and the occasion was further marked by presentation to Elam of an engraved silver plate.

Recent Accessions Discussed

Mr. Houghton then introduced Society Librarian Francis Campbell and members of the curatorial staff who presented illustrated talks on outstanding accessions of the previous year. The meeting concluded with a reception and the opportunity for visitors to enjoy the special exhibits of recent accessions that were on display for the occasion.

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CALENDAR

<i>December</i>	4-6	NYINC at World Trade Center. ANS information booth. Exhibit of coins from the Jem Sultan Collection. Friday receptions for Fellows and Circle Members. Saturday and Sunday Members' reception at 140 William Street.
	25-26	Society closed for holidays.
<i>January</i>	1-2	Society closed for New Year.
	16	David M. Bullowa Conference 3:00 P.M.
<i>February</i>	12	Society closed for Lincoln's Birthday.
	13	Saltus Medal Award and Steven K. Scher Lecture, 3:00 P.M.
	27	The Day of the Etruscans, annual meeting of the Etruscan Foundation at the ANS.
<i>March</i>	2	Deadline for 1999 Graduate Seminar and Graduate Fellowship applications.
	12	ANS Finance Committee Meeting, 2:00 P.M.
	13	Council Meeting, 12:30 P.M.
		Huntington Medal Award Meeting and Margaret Thompson Memorial Lecture, 3:00 P.M.
	17	<i>Numismatic Literature</i> 141 (March 1999).
<i>April</i>	10	Groves Forum in American Numismatics.
	14	<i>Colonial Newsletter</i> 110 and index for nos. 1-109.
<i>June</i>	12	Council Meeting, 12:30 P.M.
	15	Graduate Seminar begins.

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